



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

SOC 245 Marriage and Family

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this course the family is studied cross culturally with emphasis on the contemporary American Family. Topics include gender role socialization, mate selection, alternatives to marriage, the multi-ethnic family and intergenerational issues.

PREREQUISITES: SOC 100

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify and describe sociological concepts and theories about family formation, structure, function and process
2. Describe the complexity of family and family experience as shaped by social structural factors such as race, social class, gender and gender preference
3. Address the intersection of race-ethnicity, gender, social class, and sexual orientation within families and their impacts on individual identities
4. Develop critical thinking skills that demonstrate the student's abilities to understand and analyze social phenomena
5. Outline the major changes of family life and its development from a historical viewpoint
6. Discuss the varied social policy changes that nations and the United States have presented for family stability
7. Compare social science research findings with the assumptions underlying public debates about the family
8. Understand the interrelationships between the social institution of marriage, family and other social institutions in society

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E